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1. From 26 February to 15 March 1951, there was intensive day and night flying at Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) airfield. The jet fighters would taxi from their parking area to the take-off point in front of the destroyed hangars. Having landed at the field, the planes were towed to the dispersal area by a weapons carrier. Formation flying in groups of four planes was practiced.

2. On 14 March, an estimated 800 EM were stationed at the field. Twenty-four jet aircraft and four PO-2s were counted at the field. \*

3. After 9 March, searchlights mounted on trucks were seen at the field. Truck [ ] with a mounted searchlight was parked at the cemetery. Two trucks with mounted searchlights, [ ] were seen in the southern section of the runway. \*\* These last two searchlights illuminated the sky over the airfield during the night. There was a box-like wooden frame between the two searchlights, the purpose of which was not known.

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All of the trucks had a black plate with the Russian inscription "Driving School" in white letters fitted on the driver's cab and the rear.

\* [ ] Comment. The type and number of aircraft confirms that the airfield is occupied by one fighter regiment. This regiment is believed to be equipped with about 30 MiG-15s. This number was mounted when the fighter regiment arrived at Neuruppin.

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